



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

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RESOLUTION NO. 03-17

WHEREAS, Marc Gaspard has served as executive director of the Higher Education Coordinating Board since 1995; and

WHEREAS, During his time with the Board, he has helped open the doors of higher education to many thousands of students in Washington; and

WHEREAS, Marc has been steadfast in his commitment to our state's most needy students, ensuring that financial aid is available to help them pay for college, but also helping them stay in college – by advocating that financial aid keep pace with tuition increases; and

WHEREAS, Over the past eight years, state funding for financial aid in Washington has doubled; and

WHEREAS, Marc was instrumental in helping create the state's GET program, enabling more than 30,000 Washington families to begin saving for their children's and grandchildren's college educations; and

WHEREAS, During his time with the Board, more than 2,000 students who never imagined they could go to college have found the tools and support they need, through the state's GEAR UP program; and

WHEREAS, Marc helped establish the Washington Promise Scholarship program, which has helped nearly 13,000 students from low- and middle-income families follow their dreams; and

WHEREAS, Marc has developed a consistent reputation for bringing people together to pursue the greater goal of higher education access and affordability; and

WHEREAS, Marc's many contributions to the students of our state, their families, our communities and our future will endure long after his days in state government have come to a close; and

WHEREAS, The Board has been very well served by his leadership, his dedication, his patience, and his humor;

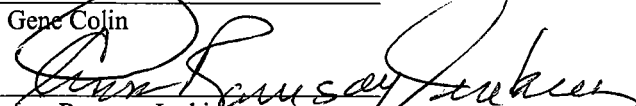
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Higher Education Coordinating Board recognize and extend their deepest gratitude and appreciation to Marc Gaspard for many years of service to the Board, the higher education community, and the people of Washington.

Adopted: July 30, 2003


Attest:



Bob Craves, chair

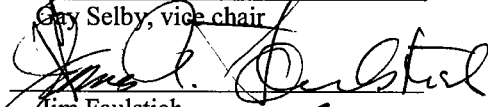

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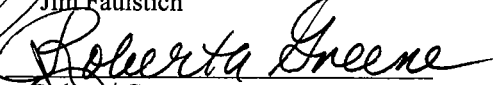

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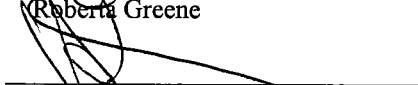

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